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MEMORANDUM TO:

SUBJECT: Joint Army-Navy Intelligence Effort
(Planning Directive No. 24)

1. The undersigned has contacted Captain Sabalot for the Navy and Colonel McLean for the Army and herewith is a report of the status of this project.
2. The Navy conclusions are in their memorandum for General Vandenberg, 20 February 1946, and since that date there has been no further activity by the Navy on the subject.
3. Colonel McLean states that MID has studied the Navy recommendations and concluded that if a joint effort is to be made, it can be made on substantially the same lines as those in the Navy report. However, the MID Board which studied the project recommended that no such joint effort be made unless and until there should be an actual merger of Army and Navy under one command. This recommendation is based on the conviction that if Army and Navy remain separate, the chain of command and responsibility for intelligence becomes tangled and confused.
4. The conclusions and recommendations of the Board are in the hands of G-2 for action and no action has yet been taken. (Colonel McLean is anxious that the lack of approval of the Board's recommendation be clearly understood.)
5. He assumes that whatever the action by G-2, there will subsequently be a joint committee of Army, Navy and Air Forces to take cognizance of the results of the Army's and the Navy's study of the subject.
6. He further states that the recommendations for the areas of joint effort, if a joint effort is required, were made before the recent reorganization of G-2 and are thus out of date in matters of detail.
7. The undersigned did not attempt to secure a copy of the MID Board's report.

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